

REMARKS

Claims 17-24 are currently pending, wherein claims 21-24 have been added and claims 17-20 have been amended to correct typographical errors and more clearly define the invention. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein below.

In paragraph 3 of the Office action ("Action"), the Examiner rejects claims 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,835,493 to Magee et al. ("Magee"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is well known that in order to support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102, the cited reference must teach each and every claimed element.. Thus, if the cited reference fails to teach or suggest one or more elements, then the rejection is improper and must be withdrawn. In the present case, claims 17-20 are not anticipated by Magee for at least the reason that Magee fails to teach or suggest preferentially multiplexing selected media information packets containing clock information as recited in claims 17 and 19, from which claims 18 and 20 respectfully depend. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 17-20, based on Magee, be withdrawn.

New claims 21-24 define multiplexing and remultiplexing methods, respectfully, which both preferentially multiplex selected media information packets containing clock information. Therefore, new claims 21-24 are patentable over the cited prior art for at least those reasons presented above with respect to claims 17-20.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter Reg. No. 29,680 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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